Andover 21 Aug. 1829

My dear Sir, I am ready to fill my letter with confessions if they wd. do you any good. I would state, however, in justice to myself, that I have had a most overwhelming & oppressive summer of labour. Dr Porter has been so ill as to be absent most of the summer, & has done very little during the year; & the whole Seminary has come upon Dr Woods & myself, with all its accessions of labours & cares. Principally however, I have been waiting for the final decision about a Professor. I cannot, dare not wait any longer, & hasten to give you a brief story, pleasing I fear neither to you nor to me.

The sum is, that during the former part of this term the Trustees met, & made out of Mr Brown's Professorship a professorship of Ecc. History & of Pastoral Theology. All the Faculty were opposed to such an arrangement; (1) Because they thought it not to comport with Mr Brown's design (2) Because a Prof. of Past. Theology is superfluous, ye duty being now better performed than any other one in the Seminary (3) Because a Prof. of Bible Rhetoric is made imperious by the Constitution of the Orig. Donors, & no such Prof. now exists; nor can it exist, without a deep & radical study of ye Orig. Scriptures.

The Trustees then made choice of Dr Wisner of Old South, Boston, as their Professor; not without great discussion, & some want of unanimity. Dr W. was the principal Agent in getting the Past. Theol. professorship through the Board of Trustees.

The next step of course was, to lay ye matter before ye Visitors. They have once appointed a meeting. But as it was ascertained that they probably wd. not sanction the new arrangement of Prof. above named; & as the Trustees could not meet at the same time, the meeting of the Visitors was put off until our Phil. Acad. anniversary; & then, until that of our Seminary. This is the reason why I have delayed to give you an account of matters, hoping by a little delay, to give you a complete account. As this cannot be done, until after our Anniversary, I have thought it best to wait no longer, but to tell you all I can.

The probability is, ye the Visitors will disapprove the new shape of the Professorship. What it will ultimately be, I cannot say - but I do hope & trust, that the Bible Rhetoric is to be the basis. This wd. be a noble field for some one to reap a harvest of unfading laurels.

Mr Schauffler sends for these Books, & will pay forthwith for them, to Mr Stoddart at Boston, so that the money may be ordered by you. Do not fail to get them for the sake of the Miss. cause.
M.S.

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Eisenmenger Ent. Judenthum.
Schoettgen. Horae Heb.
Sommeri. Theol. Soharica
Ludolfi Lex. Ethiop.
Altingii Fundament. Punct.
Syropes Gram. etc.

Gesenius. Heb. Lex.
Freytag. Arab. Lex.
Wagenseil Tela Ignea. etc.
Jaubert. Gram. Turque.
Letellier. Fables Turques.
Basenseilung der Nogay in Salaveen.
(D. Schlatter)

The probability too is, that if the thing takes such a turn, Dr Wisner will not accept his appointment, inasmuch as it will require a knowledge, that he does not possess, & wh. it will now be hard to gain. But of this, I cannot be certain, having had no confab. with Dr Wisner.

Dr Porter has been so ill, this year, that it wd. seem his labours are almost at their close. It is clear that he must have an adjunct Prof., or the business of the Seminary will greatly languish. Indeed, there is not a little uneasiness now in the Senior year. But all these matters are in the wind as yet, & can be known only when th. are decided. *Great bodies move slowly*; emphatically is this the case with us. We are dying for want of help; yet the Trustees & Visitors remain quite at their ease, as though all was going on well. Our Anniversary Reports will set this matter on a different base.

Thus have I told you the short of the story. My own disappointment I cannot well conceal; but I have hopes still. After all, the old idea of *having been a pastor*, seems to have obtained full possession of the minds of the Trustees and how far it will be carried, I do not think we can not with certainty predict. Your return & presence would have the most immediate & certain influence in bringing all matters to go well. What is present, is known & felt. So it always is; & so I suppose it will continue to be.

Dr Murdock has moved to New Haven. His matter is done, except that he has sued the Trustees for salary, between the time of his dismission, & his *finishing off* by the Supreme Court, (about 15 months) Dr Edwards has left Boston. Mr Hewit & Mr Hooker have moved here, to manage the *Temperance* agency & the *Temperance Herald*. Mr *Tracy* is here also. Dr Edwards has left Boston, in order to get better health, being dismissed. Mr *Quincy* is Praes. Coll. Harv. & Judge *Story* & Mr *Ashmun* (of Northampton) newly instituted *Professors of Law*, Mr Stearns having been politely requested to resign. — Mr Prof Hodge has dropped his *Biblical* Repertory, & taken up a kind of Rel. Magazine in its room. Mr Stuart & C. Stowe have issued a Prospectus for a *Biblical Inquirer*, to be devoted principally to the interpretation & literature of the Bible.

A propos, this is done by me, only by way of anticipating your return. I hope that you will take up & stand under this affair, & you will have a *scharfsinniger* help-meet, in Mr Stowe.

Yours in June & July have been received; the last before the other. I rejoice in your look out for books. I cannot possibly delay now to go further into detail about them. I have not Winer's Bibliothek, or whatever he calls it. You probably meant to send it; but it has not come. Champolion has a Pantheon of Egyptian divinities, wh. is a great desideratum; also Essays on the demotic & hieratic alphabets of the Egyptians; neither of which we have. Tondy Du Pres, or some other printer, has printed in 8vo, the Description de l'Egypte, & made it cheap; I believe cum Mappis. If so it would be very important. Frachn on Nahum I mentioned; & an Assyrian apparatus is exceedingly needed. Züllig on the Apocalypse. Send an extra copy of Cellarius for me cum mappis. In Bertholdt's Einleit. & in De Wette is much select Lit. of the Biblical & critical kind; & Tholuck & Gesenius will give a judgment on it, whenever you need. If you adventure a little as to debt, remember it is our only chance. If Von Hammer has published his Ottoman history we surely need that. It must be important. There are some works on the N. Test. Gram., criticism, & interpr., wh. you will want here, when you return; & you must lay in well for these. A propos, do not forget to procure Georgii Vindiciae etc., wh. I take it, is not in Rhenferd. You did make a most Noble haul at Paris, for wh. I do sincerely thank you. Wahl's Egypt, (geographical) is wanted much. Above all Maps, maps, maps. I am beyond measure astonished, that the Germans have not better maps for sacred geography. And this leads me to say, what I have greatly at heart, pursue your plan of Sac. Geog. this winter, cum totis viribus. The manner of Bellermann is excellent; much better than that of Rosenmueller. The work of the latter is, indeed a very capital one; sed non omne tulit punctum. There is not a little left for you.—

But there is no end. You are on the spot, & you can consult those who know all the wants of a critic ~~or~~ an interpreter, or an ecc. historian; & I must end my letter. More by the next, which will be written immediately after our Anniversary, (23 Sept.). Vive, vale. My kindest regards & congratulations to Herrinn Robinson, & the young American German immortal, the heir of your mutual affection & estate; & who, if she cannot understand them, will at least understand the looks of the parents who are trying to tell her the story.

Mrs S., who is very feeble, sends love. Yours is just received & has not yet been submitted to Mr Farrar, who is out of town.

With sincere respect & affection, M. Stuart.

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